JAN-23-2884 13:85

PSG HC PATENT DIV.

513 622 3380 P.02/13

Appl. No. 69431 /62 Any Dedux No. 7943M Artik: Dutel January 23, 2004 Repty to First Office Action Dated Desember 3, 2003 Content Number 27152

RECEIVED CONTRAL PAX CONTER

JAN 2 3 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/831,462

Applicant(s) TREVOR NEIL DAY ET AL.

Filed May 09, 2001

Title Chewing Gum Compositions

TC/A.U. 1761
Examiner Arthur L. Corbin
Conf. No. 4314

Docket No. 7943M Customer No. 27752

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for reply of three months thereafter, please consider the amendment and remarks filed herein. This response is being filed within the prescribed period ending on March 3, 2004 and no extension fees are believed to be due.

Amendments begin on Page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.